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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Priority List for National Intelligence Surveys

REFERENCES : (a) DDM-23-51, dated 21 February 1951  
(b) DDM-236, dated 20 March 1950

1. PROBLEM

To ensure that NIS production schedules are in conformity with JCS requirements.

2. DISCUSSION

A. NIS production and maintenance schedules are based upon JCS priorities and agency capabilities. The current schedules were based upon priorities set forth in reference (a), which modified the priority list attached as Enclosure "A" to reference (b). Informal inquiry by the Chairman of the NIS Committee in November 1951 revealed that no revision of the JCS priority lists was contemplated at that time, and the NIS production schedules for FY 1953 were, therefore, based upon the priorities listed in the above-cited memoranda.

B. The NIS Committee is now starting the development of the NIS production schedules for FY 1954. In order to afford the contributing agencies ample time to consider the requirements of the new schedules and make preparations to meet them, the Committee plans to issue tentative FY 1954 production schedules on or about 1 January 1953. Inasmuch as the latest approved JCS priority list is dated 21 February 1951, there is reason to doubt that this list reflects the current Joint Staff requirements for the NIS. Therefore, a reexamination of this list with a view to revising it to reflect current priorities is considered necessary to ensure that the NIS production schedules for the coming fiscal year are in conformity with JCS requirements. A draft of a memorandum designed to implement this action is attached hereto.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the attached memorandum be signed and dispatched.

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